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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL: CAIRO CONFERENCE

FOR NEA/EGY MATTHEWS

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1. WISH INSURE THAT HAL SAUNDERS IS AWARE OF LATEST
INFORMATION COMING OUT OF BOYCOTT SESSIONS. FOLLOWING
IS ALSO CONTAINED IN FBIS LONDON 251938Z FEB.

2. AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING, CONFERENCE REPORTEDLY TOOK
FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. FORMED A COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER CLOSING BRIDGES BETWEEN
JORDAN AND ISRAELI-OCCUPIED WEST BANK IN ORDER TO PREVENT
MOVEMENT OF GOODS INTO AND OUT OF ISRAEL. COMMITTEE, COMPOSED
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OF REPS FROM ARAB LEAGUE, PLO AND BOYCOTT ORGANIZATION,

WILL REPORT TO CONFERENCE AT THIS SESSION.

B. DECIDED (SIC) TO CONFISCATE PARCELS MAILED FROM ARAB COUNTRIES TO ISRAEL.

C. REQUESTED A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOYCOTT OFFICE WITH RESPECT TO TOURIST COMPANIES ACTING AS AGENTS FOR ISRAEL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT INTERESTS OF ARAB TOURISM.

D. DECIDED TO BLACKLIST CARGO AND TANKER VESSELS WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN UNDER ISRAELI REGISTRY AND HAVE SINCE CHANGED.

E. DISCUSSED PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY KUWAIT WITH RESPECT TO TIGHTENING LIMITATIONS ON DEALINGS BETWEEN ARAB FUNDS AND FOREIGN BANKS WHICH HAVE RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. PRESENT REGULATIONS, WHICH PROHIBIT DEALINGS WITH GROUPS INCLUDING AN ISRAELI BANK OR BANK WHICH HAS ISRAELI CAPITAL OR IS BLACKLISTED, WILL REMAIN IN FORCE PENDING FURTHER STUDY OF SUBJECT BY BANKING SYSTEMS OF MEMBER COMPANIES.

3. COMMENT: GROWING ATTENTION TO BOYCOTT QUESTIONS FROM NUMBERS OF MAJOR COMPANIES, INCLUDING FORD AND XEROX FROM US, APPEARS TO BE FEEDING FIRES WHICH HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY DORMANT FOR SOME WHILE. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT MODERATES WILL STILL HAVE A VOICE IN DELIBERATIONS, BUT SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT RESULTANT HEADY ATMOSPHERE MAY ENCOURAGE CERTAIN DELEGATIONS TO TAKE SOMEWHAT WILD ACTIONS, AS YET UNDISCERNABLE.
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